

# 2016 McGrail Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve



## Technical Data

Grape Source:	McGrail Vineyards
Appellation:	Livermore Valley
Production:	1,465 Cases
Varietal Content:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Oak:	French, Hungarian, and American
Titrateable Acidity:	0.64
Residual Sugar:	0.012
pH:	3.68
Alcohol Level:	14.7%
Release Date:	July 13, 2019

**Vineyard Notes:** We welcomed an extra large dose of precipitation in 2016, which was a relief after several years of drought. This precipitation helped refill our reservoirs and flushed out our soils. The vines responded with normal yields and incredible flavors. Spring was very wet and warm. Summer was hot and dry, making for an almost perfect growing season. After several drought vintages, it was refreshing to get back to “normal”. The growing season continued its trend of harvesting on the early side of the year. The light yield led to fruit ripening early and our Cabernet was ready to pick by late September. We picked our entire vineyard between September 29th and October 2nd.

**Winemaking Style:** Our winemaker believes in using a “spice rack” to create this complex Cabernet. We blend French, American, and Hungarian oak. Approximately 70% of the oak is new each vintage and the wine ages for about 33 months in this oak.

**The Wine:** This opulent wine opens with spicy clove, dark cherry, coffee, caramel, and toasty vanilla. The palate is equally impressive with density, great structure, and notes of blackberry, anise, and a hint of tobacco. Bold tannins frame the full-bodied mouthfeel of this classic Cabernet, leaving a lingering impression of fruit and spice.

## Awards:

***Our Cabernet Reserve has won the following awards:***

Wine Enthusiast: 92 points and Editor’s Choice (May 2020 Issue)

*SF Chronicle Wine Competition 2012:* Sweepstake Red Wine Award and Best of Class for our 2008 Vintage, Gold for 2016 Vintage

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